

118TH CONGRESS H.R. 3099

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LAWLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Special Envoy for the
- 5 Abraham Accords Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.
- 7 Congress finds that the policy of the United States,
- 8 as enacted in section 104 of the Israel Relations Normal-

- 1 ization Act of 2022 (division Z of Public Law 117–103),
- 2 with respect to the Abraham Accords remains unchanged.
- 3 SEC. 3. SPECIAL ENVOY FOR THE ABRAHAM ACCORDS.
- 4 Title I of the State Department Basic Authorities Act
- 5 of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a et seq.) is amended by adding
- 6 at the end the following new section:
- 7 "SEC. 64. SPECIAL ENVOY FOR THE ABRAHAM ACCORDS.
- 8 "(a) Special Envoy for the Abraham Ac-
- 9 CORDS.—There is established within the Department of
- 10 State a Special Envoy for the Abraham Accords (in this
- 11 section referred to as the 'Special Envoy'), who shall serve
- 12 as the primary advisor to, and coordinate efforts across,
- 13 the United States Government relating to expanding and
- 14 strengthening the Abraham Accords. The Special Envoy
- 15 shall report directly to the Secretary of State and shall
- 16 hold the office at the pleasure of the President.
- 17 "(b) Nomination.—Pursuant to subsection (j)(1) of
- 18 section 1, the Special Envoy shall be appointed by the
- 19 President, by and with the advice and consent of the Sen-
- 20 ate, and may be appointed from among the officers and
- 21 employees of the Department except that such officer or
- 22 employee may not retain the position (or the responsibil-
- 23 ities associated with the position) held by such officer or
- 24 employee prior to such appointment simultaneously with
- 25 the position or responsibilities of the Special Envoy.

1	"(c) Rank and Status of Ambassador.—The Spe-
2	cial Envoy shall have the rank and status of ambassador.
3	"(d) Duties.—The Special Envoy shall be respon-
4	sible for—
5	"(1) encouraging countries without diplomatic
6	relations with Israel to establish formal diplomatic,
7	economic, security, and people-to-people ties;
8	"(2) seeking to expand and strengthen existing
9	relationships between Israel and Muslim-majority
10	countries, including those outside the geographic
11	scope of the Near Eastern Affairs Bureau of the De-
12	partment of State, to ensure that all parties reap
13	tangible security and economic benefits for their citi-
14	zens;
15	"(3) building on existing efforts, including the
16	Negev Forum, to help foster enhanced cooperation
17	between Israel and Muslim-majority countries on
18	shared priorities including as relates to trade, agri-
19	culture, and water security;
20	"(4) providing diplomatic support for Israel's
21	integration into cooperative efforts related to re-
22	gional security; and
23	"(5) coordinating lines of effort across the
24	United States Government, including the regional
25	and functional bureaus within the Department of

1	State, and conducting appropriate diplomatic en-
2	gagement with foreign governments, nongovern-
3	mental organizations, and other stakeholders deter-
4	mined appropriate by the Special Envoy in order to
5	expand and strengthen the Abraham Accords.
6	"(e) Report.—
7	"(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
8	the date of the confirmation of the first Special
9	Envoy appointed pursuant to this section, and annu-
10	ally thereafter, the Special Envoy shall submit to the
11	Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
12	resentatives and the Committee on Foreign Rela-
13	tions of the Senate a report describing all United
14	States efforts to expand the Abraham Accords, in-
15	cluding specific diplomatic engagements and status
16	of efforts with respect to specific countries.
17	"(2) Form of Report.—The report required
18	by paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified
19	form but may contain a separate, classified annex.".